MRIWA: leading impactful research, meaningful collaboration and effective knowledge transfer

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The vision of the Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia (MRIWA) is to support research that will advance Western Australia. This is achieved by focusing on research that is impactful, encourages collaboration and enables effective knowledge transfer to the broader industry and community.

The total value of research supported by MRIWA at the end of the 2018–19 financial year was \$46.6 million of which \$37.7 million was spread over 46 research projects, \$7.1 million invested in three Cooperative Research Centres and \$1.7 million invested in 17 PhD scholarships. A further 45 PhD scholars are supported through our project funding.

An economic impact assessment carried out by ACIL Allen Consulting in 2018 forecast MRIWA's research investment to deliver significant economic and community benefits to the State over the next decade. Through our Research Priority Plan we enable research across the minerals value chain with the aim of increasing the sustainability of the sector, and enable applied research to create capability and deliver economic and social benefits within Western Australia.

Research funding supports innovation in the academic as well as private sector, with MRIWA partnering with major universities, research agencies and the Mining Equipment, Technology and Services sector in Australia and overseas.

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